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THE
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AND
Surprising Adventures,
OF
BLUE - EYED PATTY,
The Valiant Female Soldier;

Who was the Daughter of Mr. Samuel Freelow, an eminent Grazier, in Essex; but her Sweetheart being sent to serve in the Botany Bay Rangers, she eloped from her Father's House, and dressing herself in Man's Apparel, entered into the same Regiment, and set sail with her Sweetheart, without discovering herself. At Rio de Janeiro she was attacked by some Portuguese Ruffians, and narrowly escaped with Life: a dreadful Storm arose, and the Ship was near being lost; she fell overboard, and had like to have been devoured by a Shark. At length, after having endured many Hardships, the ship got to Botany Bay, where in an Engagement with the Savages, she was wounded in the Breast with an Arrow, which discovered her Sex, and she and her Sweetheart had Leave to return to England, where they arrived a few Days ago. Also, an Account of the present Situation of that new established Colony.

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The Life &c. of Blue-Eyed Patty.

PATTY FREELOVE, the heroine whose juvenile adventures are the subject of this history, was the daughter of Mr. Samuel Free-love, a reputable farmer and grazier, in the county of Essex.

She lost her mother when very young, and her father marrying a second wife, Patty had scarcely reached her fourteenth year, when the tyrannical behaviour of her mother-in-law convinced her, that a permanent residence in her father's house would render her life miserable.

She was now a fine sprightly girl, tall, genteel and well made; her hair a light brown, and the colour of her eyes gave her the name of Blue-eyed Patty, and procured her a crowd of admirers.

Amongst the rest, the son of a neighbouring farmer was very assiduous in his courtship to Patty, and being a handsome young man, the fly God Cupid wounded her tender heart.

But she had prudence enough to conceal what she felt, and her lover, whose name was Charles, was ignorant of the conquest he had made.

Thus situated, an accident occurred, which seemed likely to destroy the blossom of their loves, before it had time to ripen.

An information was laid against Charles for killing of game, and the Lord of the Manor pursued him with such severity, that he was forced to serve the King, and entered into the Botany Bay Rangers, destined to serve in that new established colony.

Patty was inconsolable at this event, and love getting the better of prudence, she eloped from her father's house, drest herself in man's apparel, and without discovering herself to Charles, entered into the same company, and the ship soon bid adieu to Old England, and sailed for Botany Bay.

Her first study was to form an acquaintance with Charles, which she soon effected, they messed together, were inseparable companions, and she frequently heard him speak of his Patty, in the most tender manner.

The ship had now reached Rio de Janeiro, after encountering a violent storm, which threatened them every moment with destruction, and stiffened with horror the affrighted mariners: but Patty bore it with fortitude, and by no outward signs betrayed her sex.

Going on shore at Rio de Janeiro, as Patty was stepping from the ship to the boat, her foot slipped, and she fell into the sea; Charles jumped into the water, and was bringing his supposed comrade safe to the boat, when a large shark flew towards them, and extending his frightful jaws, appeared ready to devour them, when luckily a sailor in the boat perceived him and seizing a boat hook, struck the shark so violently over the head, that it went off and they were taken into the boat.

Whilst on shore, Patty appearing a handsome sprightly youth, a Portuguese Lady, of great beauty and fortune, fell desperately in love with our heroine, to whom she sent a love epistle, offering her person and fortune, and requesting an interview; this being in a polite manner refused, so stung the pride of

the Portuguese Lady, that she hired three ruffians to assassinate the supposed English soldier; and accordingly, as she was returning to the ship, one of the villains stabbed her in the shoulder, and was repeating the blow, when Charles attacked them with the rage of a lion, killed one, and putting the others to flight, they got on board their ship.

After a fatiguing voyage, they reached Port Jackson, and found the Colony in great want of European articles, provisions in particular being very scarce.

After a few days rest, they repaired to their duty, and were to protect some people stationed to cut wood: whilst engaged in this business, they were attacked by several of the natives, armed with spears and arrows.

Patty, with surprising courage, fired her piece several times, and Charles fought with his usual courage.

Some of the natives being killed, and several wounded, the rest fled with the greatest precipitation.

But this victory was not obtained without loss; one of our men was killed, and Patty dangerously wounded in the breast; on being taken to the surgeon, her sex was discovered, and they were publicly married. Having got leave of the Governor to return to England,

they arrived a few days ago. They bring an account, that the settlers were starving for want of provisions; that the allowance to each person was only 2lb. of pork per week, and the same quantity of bread; the corn had in general failed, in many places not producing the quantity sown, and the best crop not more than double. Notwithstanding the utmost severity, the convicts were very riotous, and 13 were executed for mutiny, a few days before the ship sailed. Governor Phillips had been dangerously wounded in the neck with a spear by one of the natives, but was perfectly recovered.

A NEW SONG.

TUNE, THE HARDY TAR.

I Sing the british fair one's praise,
 The female valiant soldier,
 Who ventur'd for her Charley's sake,
 None sure could behave bolder;
 Sweet Blue-Ey'd Patty is her name,
 She was a farmer's daughter,
 Her sweetheart went to Botany Bay,
 And soon she followed after.

She dress'd herself in man's array,
 Then enter'd for a soldier,
 The Captain thought she'd been a man,
 When that he did behold her;
 In the same ship her Charley was,
 But yet he did not know her,
 She stept up to him, and she said,
 How goes it, brother soldier?

Into a port the ship she sail'd,
 Refreshment for to have, sir;
 Poor Patty fell into the sea,
 When Charles her life did save, sir;
 He boldly jump't in after her,
 And brought her back again sir,
 And narrowly escap'd a shark,
 Who try'd them to obtain sir.

A foreign lady fell in love
 With Blue-ey'd Patty's beauty,

Thinking she was a handsome man,
 And could perform the duty;
 But when she found herself refus'd,
 Fell rage her mind did fill sir,
 Three ruffians she did quickly hire,
 Poor Patty for to kill sir.

But Charles he fought so manfully,
 One of them he did slay sir,
 Which did affright the other two,
 And so they ran away sir;
 But he knew not it was his Pat,
 But thought it was his comrade,
 And thus by Providence divine,
 He twice saved this dear maid.

So when to Botany they got,
 A savage her did wound sir,
 An arrow stuck fast in her breast,
 And threw her in a swoon sir;
 Which soon discovered her sex,
 To England then they came sir,
 Where Charles and Patty, being wed,
 Now live in wealth and fame sir.

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